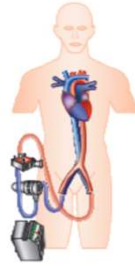


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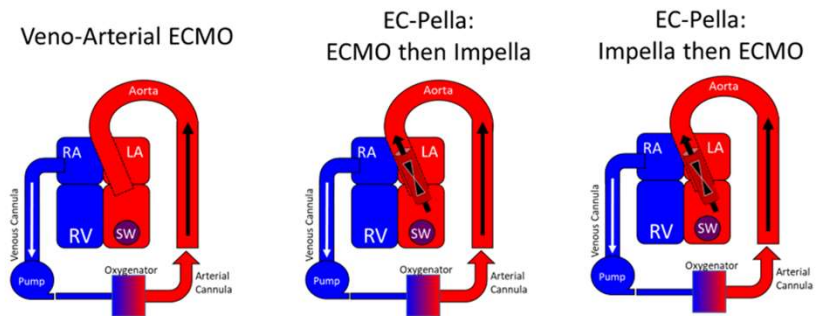


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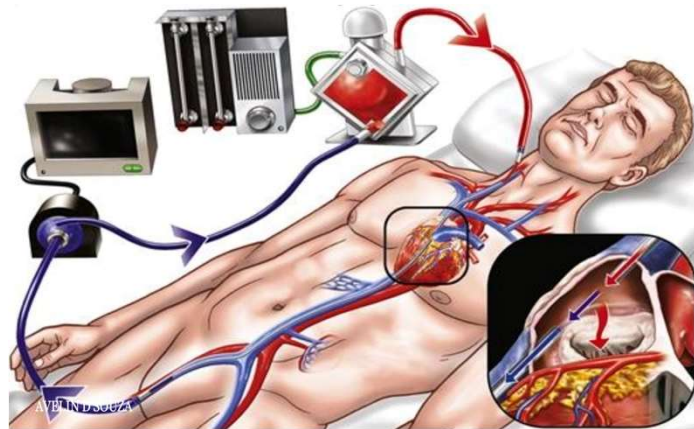
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- Understand ECMO as Boon to the intensivist



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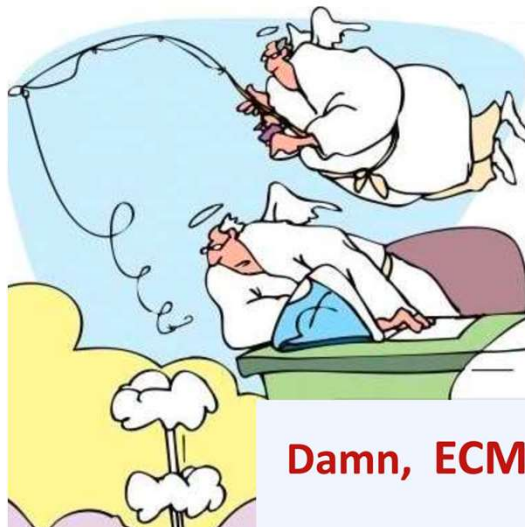
## What is ECMO?



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## Goals

- Ensure adequate oxygenation
- Does NOT treat the heart or lungs → time to REST and RECOVER
- Ventilatory settings → reduced to levels that will not damage the lung
- Help reduce pressor requirements

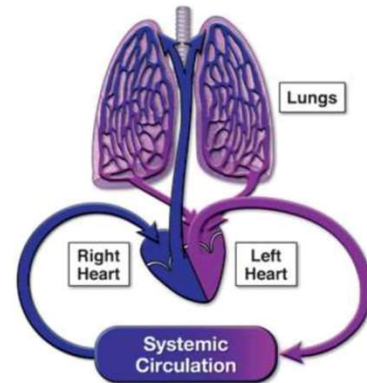


**Damn, ECMO again....**

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## Principle

- Desaturated blood drained → venous cannula
- CO<sub>2</sub> → removed, O<sub>2</sub> → added through extracorporeal device
- Blood returns to systemic circulation via another vein (VV ECMO) or artery (VA ECMO)

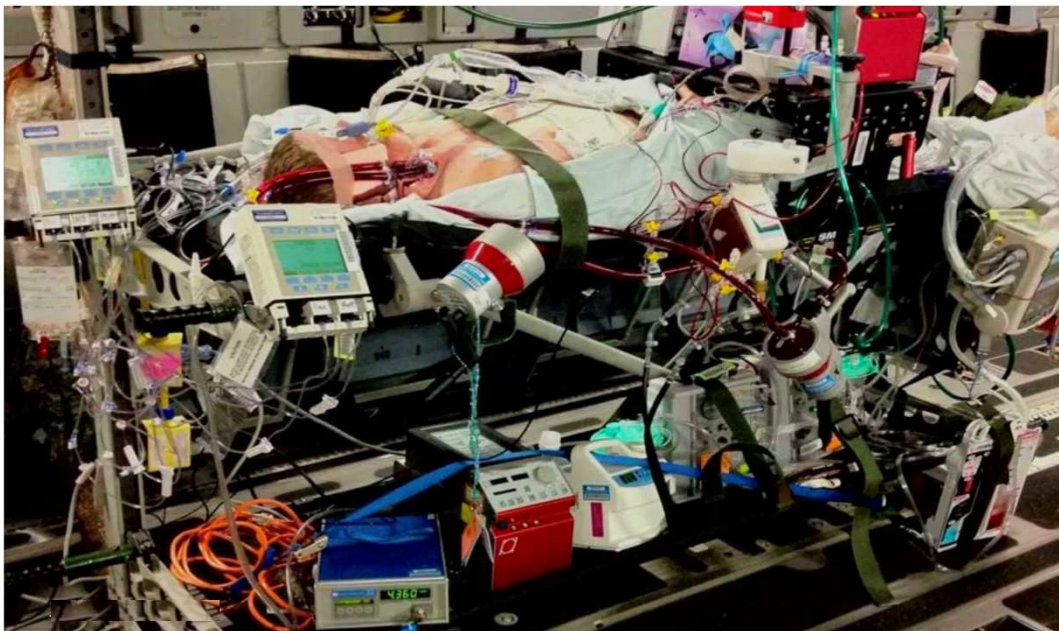


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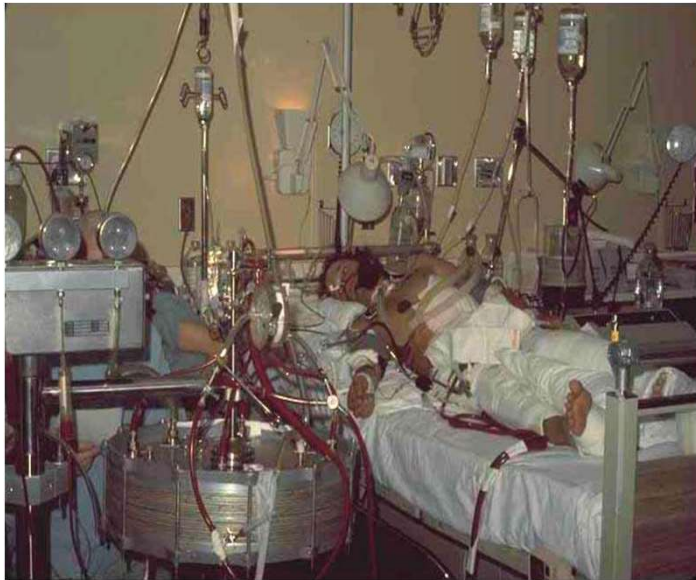
- Oxygenation
- CO<sub>2</sub> removal
- Circulatory flow

**O<sub>2</sub> delivery**

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## Applications



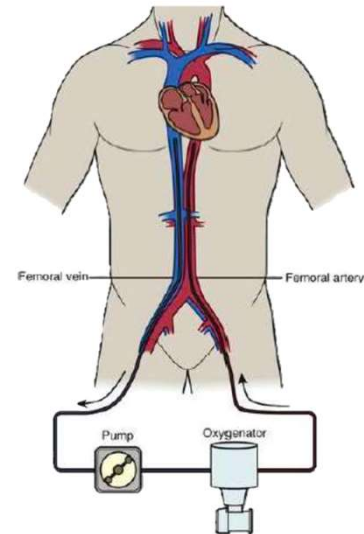
### Bridge to:

- Recovery
- Decision making
- Solution: LVAD/transplant

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## Types

- Venous-venous (VV ECMO)
  - ✓ Severe respiratory failure
  - ✓ Central vein → ECMO → to central vein
- Venous-arterial (VA ECMO)
  - ✓ Severe cardiac failure +/- respiratory failure
  - ✓ Central vein → ECMO → central artery



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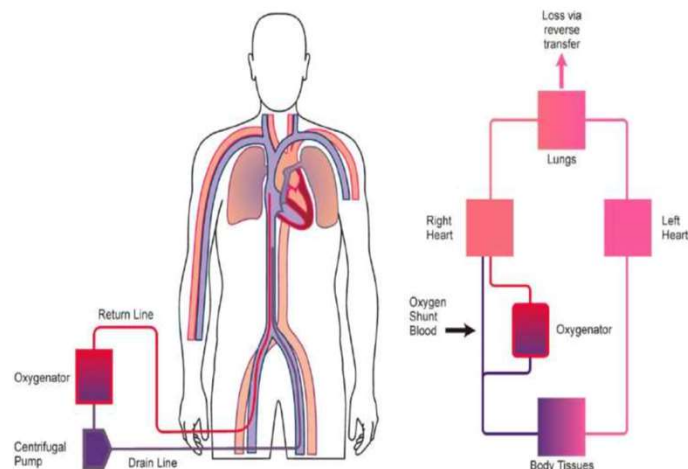
## VV-ECMO Configurations

### Femoro-Femoral

- ✓ Access Cannula(21-25 Fr): 8-10 cm below diaphragm
- ✓ Return cannula(21-25 Fr): Into RA directed towards TV
- ✓ Advantages: Quick, Safe to insert, easy to secure cannulae, circuit pressures will allow connection to CRRT
- ✓ Disadvantages: Limited maximum flow rates, Patient remains bed bound

### High Flow

- ✓ Advantages: Allows high circuit flows, required when single access cannula circuit flow is inadequate to maintain gas exchange
- ✓ Disadvantages: Occupies 3 veins, Complex to secure, Air embolism



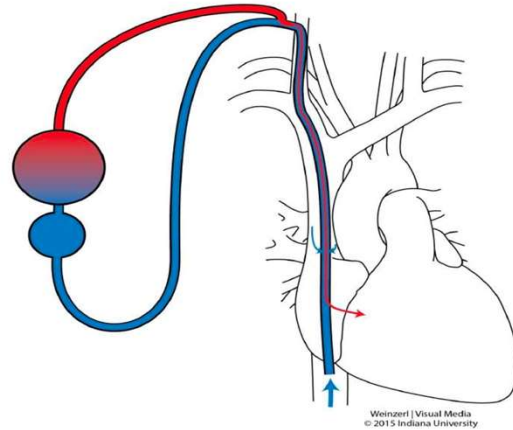
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## VV-ECMO Configurations

### Two stage single cannula

- ✓ Access cannula: Single with two lumens (IVC and SVC)
- ✓ Return cannula: Between two access ports
- ✓ Advantages: Single vein cannulation, allows movement from bed/ambulation
- ✓ Disadvantages: Difficult technique, difficult to start CRRT

Veno-venous ECMO: double stage single cannular approach



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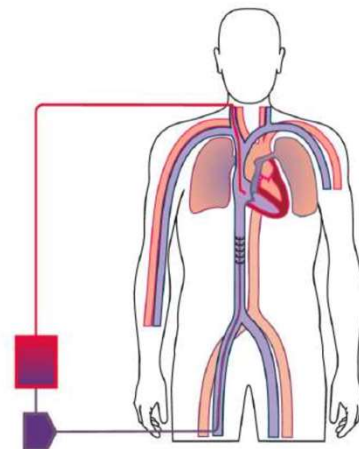
## VV-ECMO Configurations

- Most common VV-ECMO

### Femoro-Jugular

- ✓ Access Cannula(21-25 Fr): Via femoral vein, just below infero cavo atrial junction
- ✓ Return (short cannula,19-23 Fr): Via IJV rt into RA directed towards TV
- ✓ Advantages: Can provide adequate flows, safe to insert, circuit pressures will allow connection to CRRT
- ✓ Disadvantages: Difficult to secure cannulae ,Patient remains bed bound

- Can provide 5-7L/min



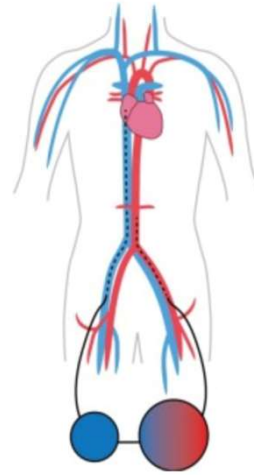
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## VA-ECMO Peripheral cannulations

### ▪ Most common VA-ECMO

#### Standard Femoro Femoral

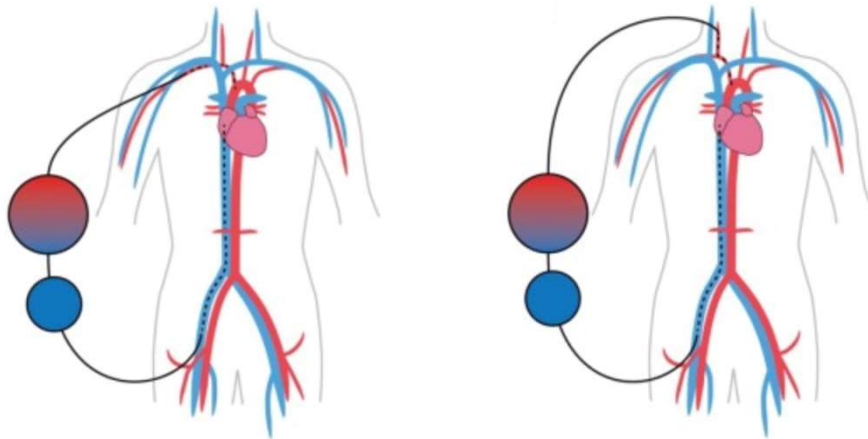
- ✓ Access Cannula (21-25 F): Via femoral vein with the tip sited within rt atrium
- ✓ Return Cannula( short,17-21 Fr): Tip lies into the common iliac artery or lower aorta
- ✓ Distal perfusion return cannula ( 9Fr): Inserted antegrade into the common femoral/superficial femoral artery
- ✓ Advantages: Provides full cardiac support, can support CRRT
- ✓ Disadvantages: Risk of differential hypoxia



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## VA-ECMO Peripheral cannulations



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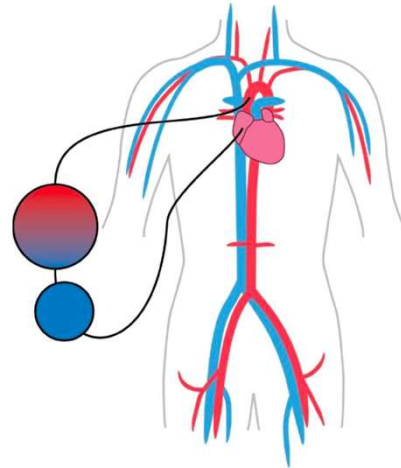
## VA-ECMO Peripheral cannulations

### Central: Specialised Cannula

- ✓ Access Cannula (> 30 F): Wire reinforced ,sited within the rt atrium through atial appendage
- ✓ Return Cannula(> 30 F ): Dacron tipped and sewn directly into the proximal aorta
- ✓ Advantages: Provides full cardiac support, can support CRRT, No differential Hypoxia
- ✓ Disadvantages: Requires sternotomy, Bleeding

### High flow

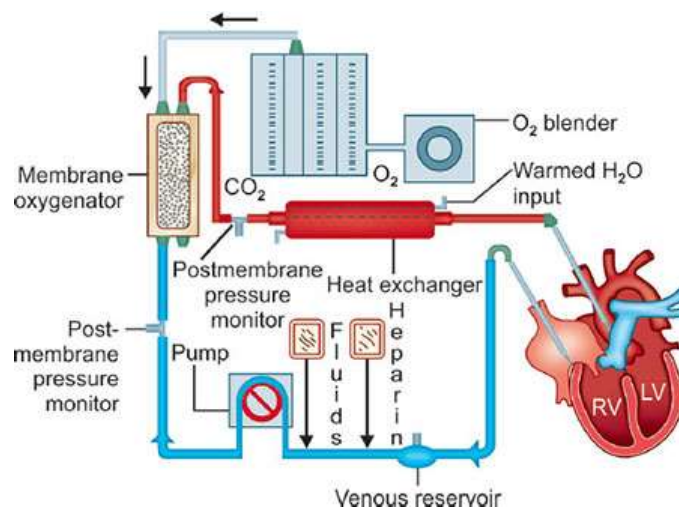
- ✓ Same bifemoral approach as standard technique, with additional short access cannula in IJV ,tip in IVC
- ✓ Advantages: Used to minimize differential hypoxia



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## Components of ECMO

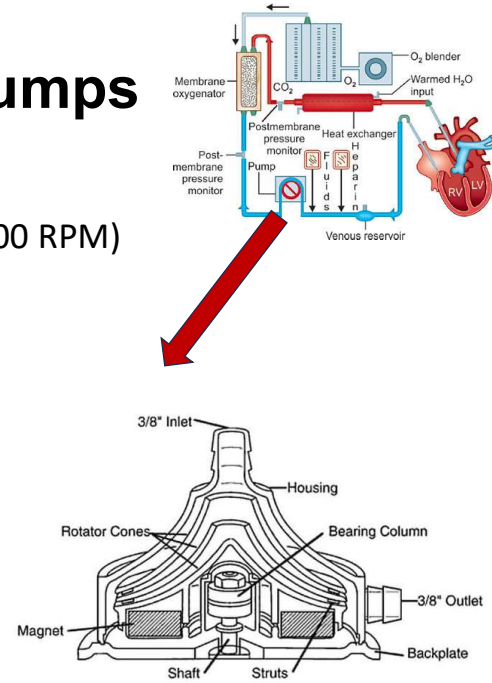


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## Centrifugal Pumps

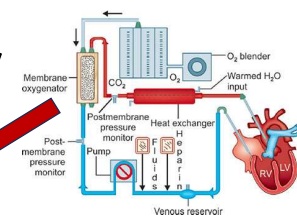
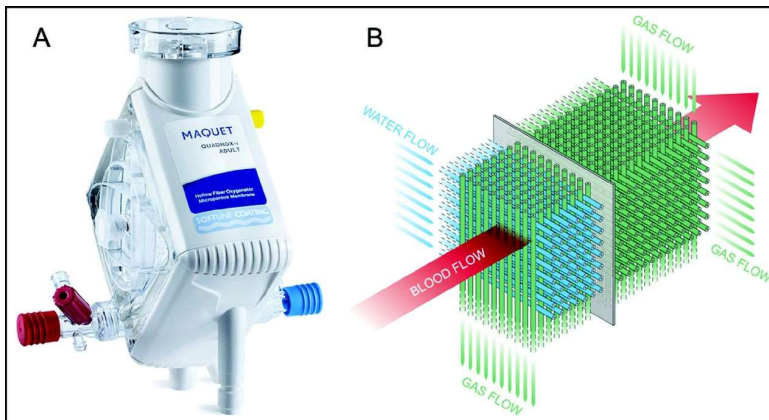
- Roller pumps → centrifugal pumps
- Perfusion pressure is controlled by RPM (0-4000 RPM)
- Deliver flow up to 8L/min
- Up to 21 days



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## Membrane Oxygenator

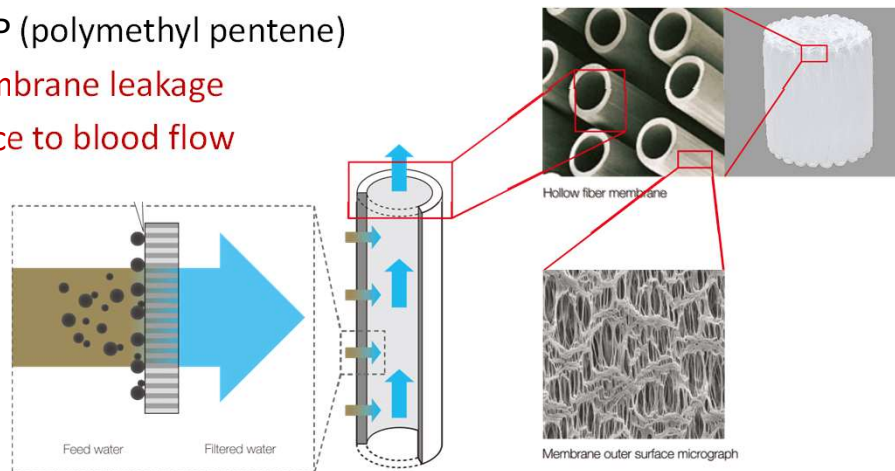
- Gas exchange device



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## Mechanism of gas exchange

- Previously silicon membrane
- Hollow Fibre PMP (polymethyl pentene)
  - ✓ Minimal membrane leakage
  - ✓ Low resistance to blood flow



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## Component of ECMO Set Up

- **Central Unit Controller**
  - ✓ Controller panel for pressure monitoring and blood gas monitoring



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## Cannula after placement

- Securing access and returning lines



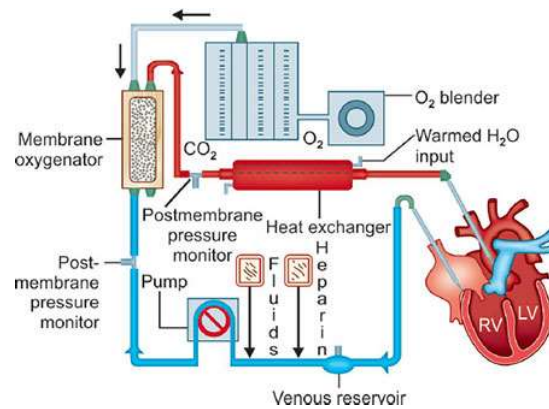
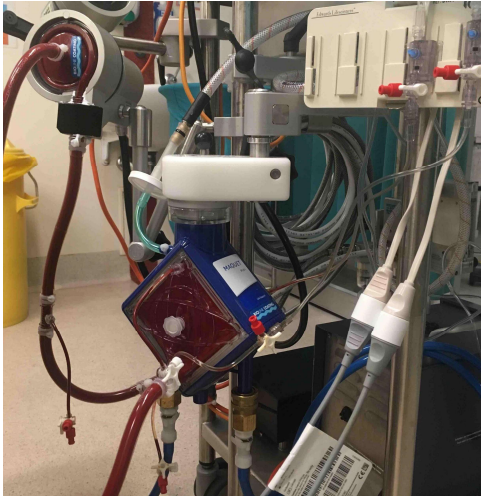
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## Factors Determining Gas Exchange

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>O<sub>2</sub> Exchange Depends On:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Type of membrane and diffusion characteristics</li> <li>✓ Thickness of the blood pathway</li> <li>✓ Surface area of the membrane</li> <li>✓ FiO<sub>2</sub> in the gas phase</li> <li>✓ Rate of blood flow</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>CO<sub>2</sub> Exchange Depends On:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Difference in CO<sub>2</sub> concentration between blood and gas</li> <li>✓ Size of membrane</li> <li>✓ Fresh gas flow</li> <li>✓ Blood pathway thickness</li> <li>✓ Blood flow rate</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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## ECMO Set Up



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## Factors Deciding ECMO Candidacy

### Murray score

= average score of all 4 parameters

Parameter / Score	0	1	2	3	4
PaO <sub>2</sub> /FIO <sub>2</sub> (On 100% Oxygen)	≥300mmHg	225-299	175-224	100-174	<100
	≥40kPa	30-40	23-30	13-23	<13
CXR	normal	1 point per quadrant infiltrated			
PEEP	≤5	6-8	9-11	12-14	≥15
Compliance (ml/cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	≥80	60-79	40-59	20-39	≤19

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# Indications for ECMO



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## ECMOnet

- 60 pts H1N1 pandemic. 28 → ECMO
- Survival rate 68 %.
- Significant predictors of death before ECMO
  - ✓ Hospital length of stay (OR = 1.52, 95 % CI 1.12-2.07, p = 0.008)
  - ✓ Bilirubin (OR = 2.32, 95 % CI 1.52-3.52, p < 0.001)
  - ✓ Creatinine (OR = 7.38, 95 % CI 1.43-38.11, p = 0.02)
  - ✓ Hematocrit values (OR = 0.82, 95 % CI 0.72-0.94, p = 0.006)
  - ✓ MAP (OR = 0.92, 95 % CI 0.88-0.97, p < 0.001)

**The ECMOnet score** was developed based on these variables

- ✓ **Score of 4.5** → cutoff for mortality risk prediction

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# BMC Health Services Research



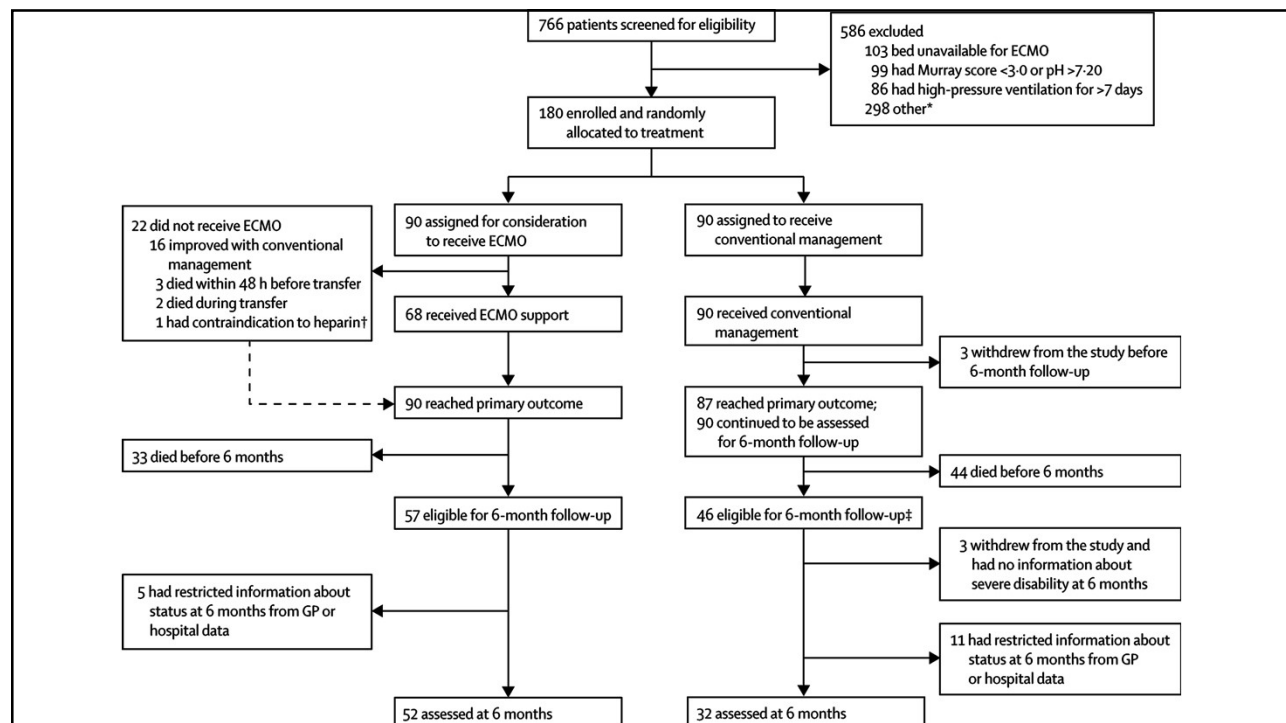
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## CESAR: conventional ventilatory support vs extracorporeal membrane oxygenation for severe adult respiratory failure

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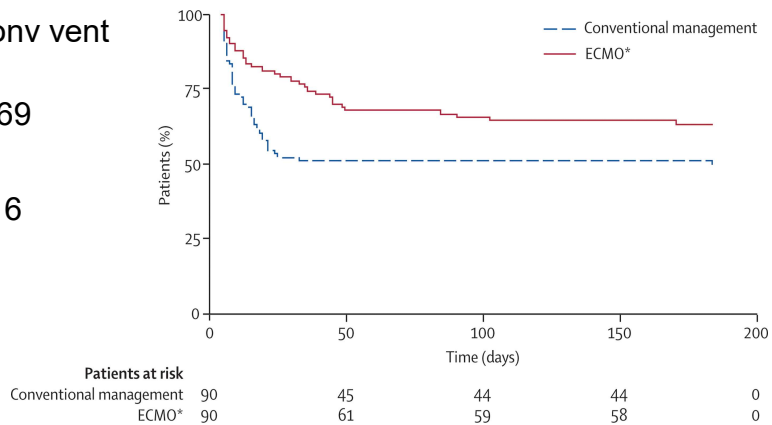
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## CESAR

- ECMO survival 63% vs conv vent 47%
- Relative risk reduction 0.69 (0.05-0.97;  $p = 0.03$ )
- NNT to prevent 1 death = 6



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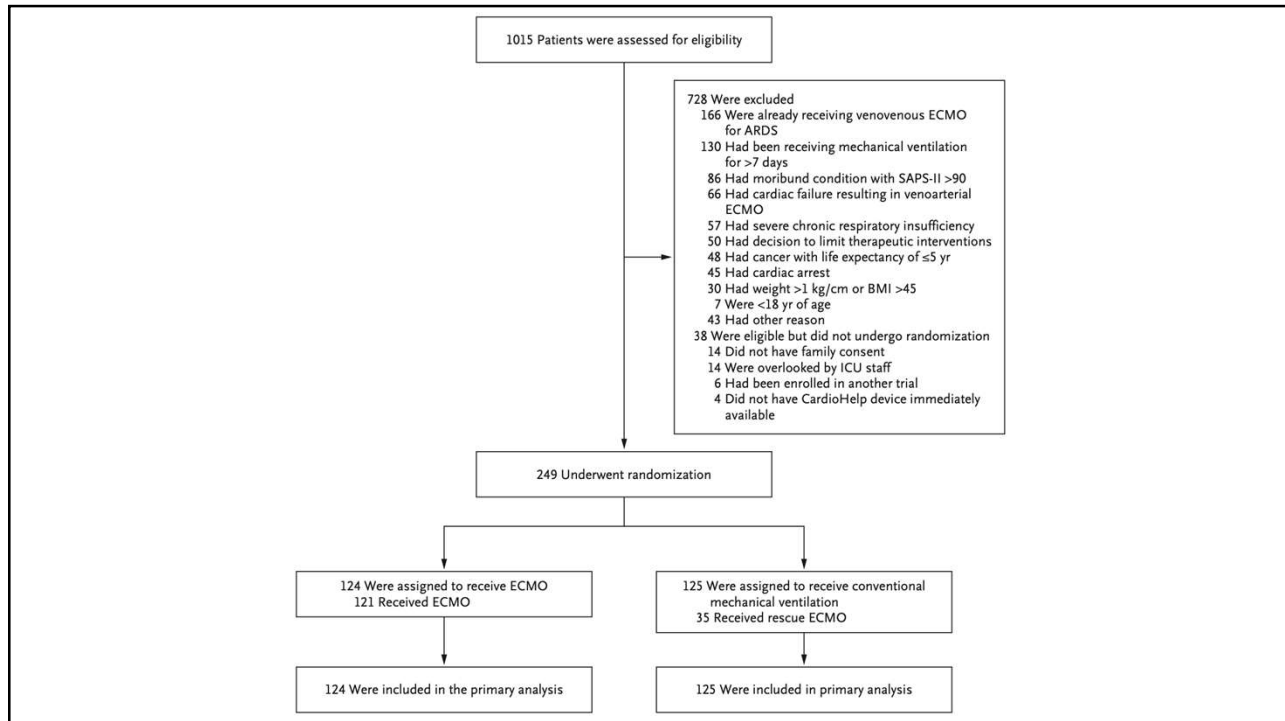
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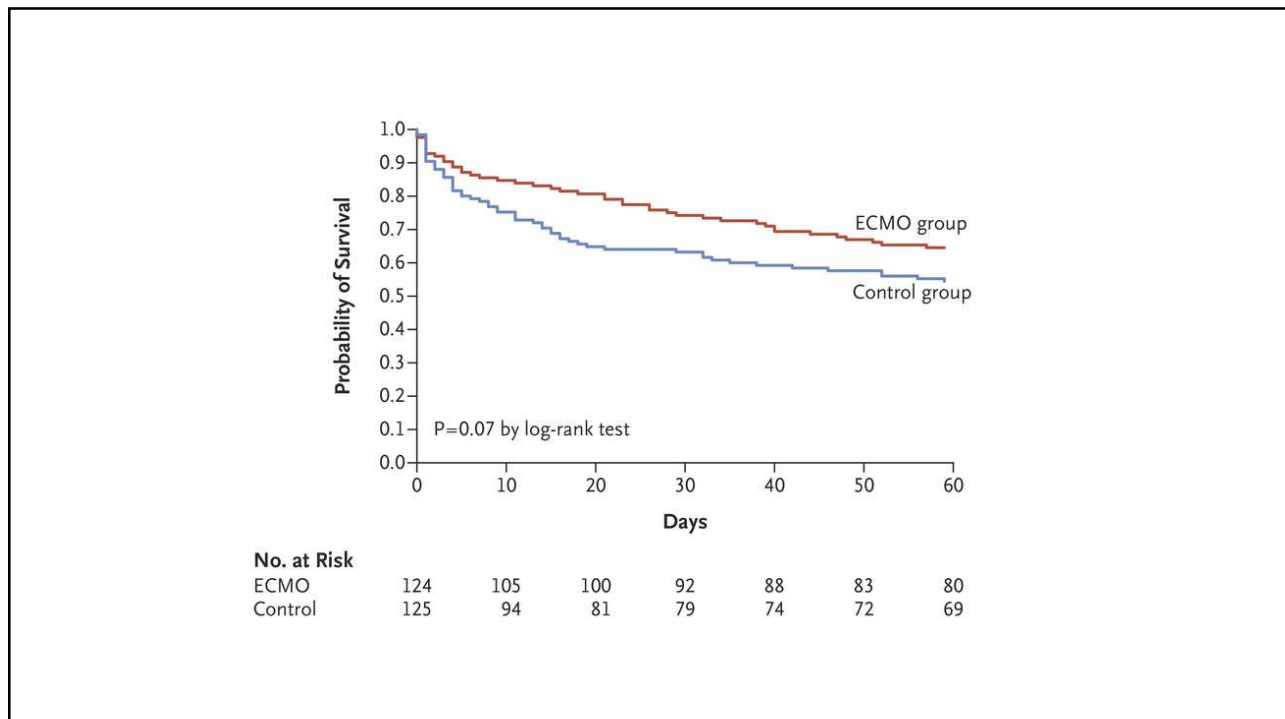
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## Indications for ECMO

	ELSO	ECMOnet	CESAR	EOLIA
<b>Indication</b>	Mortality>80% P/F<80 Fi>.90 Murray score 3-4	OI>30 P/F<70 PEEP ≥15 for patients in ECMO center pH<7.25 x ≥ 2 hrs	Potentially reversible respiratory failure Murray score ≥ 3	P/F <50 Fi>0.8 x >3hrs P/F<80 Fi>0.8 x>6hrs pH<7.25 for >6hrs (RR increased to 35) adjusted to keep Pplat <32
<b>Consideration for ECMO</b>	Mortality>50% P/F<150 Fi>90 Murray score 2-3	P/F<100 PEEP ≥ 10 patients awaiting transfer to ECMO center	Murray score ≥2.5	
<b>Contraindication</b>	Condition incompatible with life Pre-existing conditions Age Futility MV>7d	Contraindication to anticoagulation Severe disability MV>7 days	PIP >30 Fi>0.8 MV>7 days Contraindication to anticoagulation Contraindication to ongoing treatment	Mechanical Ventilation ≥7 days Age<18 years Pregnancy BMI>45 Hx of Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia Chronic severe respiratory disease SAPS II>90 Moribund Malignancy predicted survival<5 years ECMO cannulation not possible

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## Indications for ECMO

- Reversible Respiratory Failure
  - ✓ ARDS
  - ✓ Severe Pneumonia
  - ✓ Severe acute asthma
  - ✓ Chemical and inhalation hypersensitivity pneumonitis
  - ✓ Near drowning
  - ✓ Post traumatic lung contusion
  - ✓ Bronchiolitis Obliterans
  - ✓ Autoimmune lung disease, vasculitis, GPS

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## Indications for ECMO

- Irreversible Chronic Respiratory Failure
  - ✓ Indicated as a bridge ONLY when:
    - Patient is for lung assist device PAL (paracorporeal artificial lung)
    - Patient waiting for lung transplant

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## Contraindications

### ▪ Relative

- ✓ Prolonged Mechanical ventilation(>14days)
- ✓ Severe chronic lung disease
- ✓ Un-witnessed arrest or CPR for 30 minutes
- ✓ Uncontrollable metabolic acidosis
- ✓ Immunosuppression
- ✓ Severe coagulopathy disorder
- ✓ <2000gms in weight

### ▪ Absolute

- ✓ Significant neurological injury
- ✓ Activebleeding/coagulation disorder
- ✓ Terminal disease with short life expectancy
- ✓ Cerebral Hemorrhage
- ✓ Genetic Abnormalities
- ✓ <34 weeks gestational age

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## ECMO Likely to FAIL

- Wrong ECMO configuration
  - ✓ Chronic respiratory/cardiac disease with NO hopes of recovery/transplant
  - ✓ Out of hospital ECMO-CPR >50mins
  - ✓ Severe aortic regurgitation/type A aortic dissection
  - ✓ Refractory septic shock in adults with preserve ejection fraction
  - ✓ Allogenic stem cell transplant
  - ✓ Age >70 with severe ARDS
  - ✓ ARDS with multiple organ failure
  - ✓ Prolonged pre-ECMO mechanical ventilation

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## Things to Think About

- Mechanical ventilation must be continued during ECMO support to try to maintain oxygen saturation of blood ejected from the left ventricle to at least above 90%.
- ECMO flow can be very volume dependent
- ECMO flow will drop:
  - ✓ Hypovolemia
  - ✓ Cannula malposition
  - ✓ Pneumothorax
  - ✓ Pericardial tamponade

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## Cardiorespiratory Physiology VV-ECMO

- Volume of blood removed and that returned to the circulation are equal
  - ✓ Minimal impact upon preload
- Indirectly affects cardiac function
  - ✓ The improvement in oxygenation and carbon dioxide clearance on ECMO reduces pulmonary vasoconstriction, thus reducing RV work and improving performance
  - ✓ As extracorporeal gas exchange reduces the reliance on intrinsic pulmonary function, the pressures delivered to the lungs by mechanical ventilation can be significantly reduced (rest lung settings) reduces RV afterload
- VV-ECMO has no direct effect on left ventricular (LV) function
  - ✓ Improved LV performance may also be observed, as a result of improved RV performance, due to ventricular interdependence

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## Cardiorespiratory Physiology VV-ECMO

- Blood flow at the rate of 3-6l/min for acceptable arterial oxygenation
  - ✓ Aim is to provide ECMO pump flows equal to/or more than 60% of the patients cardiac output with saturation of > 88% & PaCO<sub>2</sub> b/w 30-40
  - ✓ Common for patients on V-V ECMO to have PO<sub>2</sub> in range of 55-90 mmHg
- Oxygenation depends on
  - ✓ Cardiac output
  - ✓ Hemoglobin concentration
  - ✓ Oxygen saturation

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## ECMO Indications for Cardiac Failure

- Cardiogenic shock (Definition)
  - ✓ Inadequate tissue perfusion manifested as hypotension and low cardiac output despite adequate intravascular volume
  - ✓ Shock persist despite volume administration, inotropes and vasoconstrictors and intraaortic balloon counterpulsation if appropriate



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## Cardiogenic Shock Definition

- Cardiogenic Shock is a complex and heterogenous clinical syndrome characterized by hypotension and hypoperfusion due to acute cardiac disease
- RCTs in CS patients have not been able to identify survival benefits of MCS devices when applied in different populations of CS patients
  - AMI-CS: STEMI or NSTEMI**
  - HF-CS: de-novo or ACHF**
- Not all shock is created equal

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# Cardiogenic Shock Definition

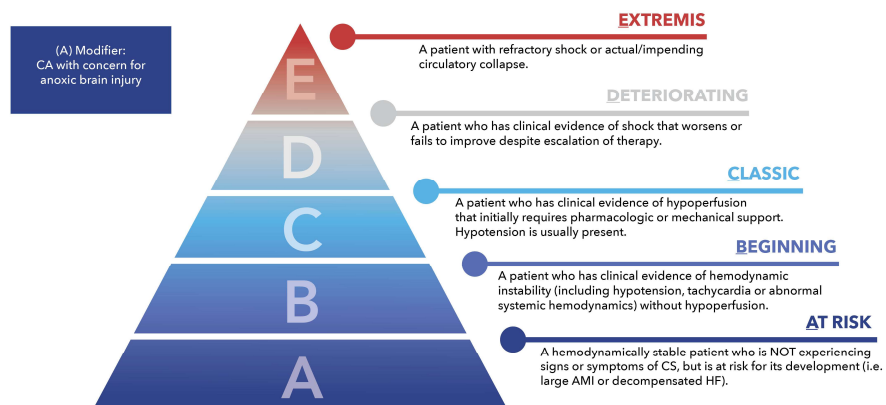
## SCAI clinical expert consensus statement on the classification of cardiogenic shock

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# Cardiogenic Shock Definition



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**TABLE 1** Descriptors of shock stages: physical exam, biochemical markers and hemodynamics

Stage	Description	Physical exam/bedside findings	Biochemical markers	Hemodynamics
<b>A</b> At risk	A patient who is not currently experiencing signs or symptoms of CS, but is at risk for its development. These patients may include those with large acute myocardial infarction or prior infarction acute and/or acute on chronic heart failure symptoms.	Normal JVP Lung sounds clear Warm and well perfused • Strong distal pulses • Normal mentation	Normal labs • Normal renal function • Normal lactic acid	Normotensive (SBP≥100 or normal for pt.) If hemodynamics done • cardiac index ≥2.5 • CVP <10 • PA sat ≥65%
<b>B</b> Beginning CS	A patient who has clinical evidence of relative hypotension or tachycardia without hypoperfusion.	Elevated JVP Rales in lung fields Warm and well perfused • Strong distal pulses • Normal mentation	Normal lactate Minimal renal function impairment Elevated BNP	SBP <90 OR MAP <60 OR >30 mmHg drop from baseline Pulse ≥100 If hemodynamics done • cardiac index ≥2.2 • PA sat ≥65%
<b>C</b> Classic CS	A patient that manifests with hypoperfusion that requires intervention (inotrope, pressor or mechanical support, including ECMO) beyond volume resuscitation to restore perfusion. These patients typically present with relative hypotension.	<i>May Include Any of:</i> Looks unwell Panicked Ashen, mottled, dusky Volume overload Extensive rales Killip class 3 or 4 BiPap or mechanical ventilation Cold, clammy Acute alteration in mental status Urine output <30 mL/h	<i>May Include Any of:</i> Lactate ≥2 Creatinine doubling OR >50% drop in GFR Increased LFTs Elevated BNP	<i>May Include Any of:</i> SBP <90 OR MAP <60 OR >30 mmHg drop from baseline AND drugs/device used to maintain BP above these targets Hemodynamics • cardiac index <2.2 • PCWP >15 • RAP/PCWP ≥0.8 • PAPI <1.85 • cardiac power output ≤0.6
<b>D</b> Deteriorating/ doom	A patient that is similar to category C but are getting worse. They have failure to respond to initial interventions.	<i>Any of stage C</i>	<i>Any of Stage C AND:</i> Deteriorating	<i>Any of Stage C AND:</i> Requiring multiple pressors OR addition of mechanical circulatory support devices to maintain perfusion
<b>E</b> Extremis	A patient that is experiencing cardiac arrest with ongoing CPR and/or ECMO, being supported by multiple interventions.	Near Pulselessness Cardiac collapse Mechanical ventilation Defibrillator used	"Trying to die" CPR (A-modifier) pH ≤7.2 Lactate ≥5	No SBP without resuscitation PEA or refractory VT/VF Hypotension despite maximal support

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## Cardiogenic Shock Definition

### Goals of clinical phenotyping CS:

- Define urgency of decision-making and intervention
- Aid diagnosis of the underlying etiology
- Guide prognostication
- Steer the mode of therapeutic intervention

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## ECMO Indications for Cardiac Failure

- Cardiogenic shock
  - ✓ Acute Myocardial Infraction
  - ✓ Myocarditis
  - ✓ Decompensated chronic systolic heart failure
  - ✓ Post cardiectomy shock
  - ✓ Peripartum cardiomyopathy

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## Device configuration according to hemodynamics

RV failure  
 RAP > 15mmHg  
 PCWP < 18mmHg  
 PAPI < 1



- Impella RP
- Protek Duo RVAD
- ECMO
- Surgical RVAD

Biv failure  
 RAP > 15mmHg  
 PCWP > 18mmHg  
 PAPI < 1



- IABP
- ECMO +/- IABP or Impella CP
- Impella 5.5 + Protek RVAD or RP
- Protek BiVAD
- Surgical BiVAD

LV failure  
 RAP < 15mmHg  
 PCWP > 18mmHg  
 PAPI > 1



- IABP
- Impella 5.0, 5.5
- Tandemheart
- ECMO +/- IABP or Impella CP
- Surgical LVAD

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# Thank You

